

## **Local government bidding practice revisions**

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**HB 1185 by McCall (Shelley)**

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<b>DIGEST:</b>	HB 1185 would have made several changes in municipality and local government competitive bidding practices, including raising the competitive bidding threshold for counties from \$10,000 to \$15,000, adding other services that could be subject to the competitive bidding process and granting commissioners courts new authority to buy or sell services or property.
<b>GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:</b>	"This bill makes a variety of changes to the law controlling local government bidding practices, including exempting insurance from the requirement of competitive bidding. Fortunately many of the other provisions of this bill are contained in other bills. The conference committee added insurance to the list of purchases for which no competitive bidding is required, in spite of the fact that neither the House nor the Senate version of the bill exempted insurance from the competitive bidding process. Insurance should be subject to the requirement for competitive bidding."
<b>RESPONSE:</b>	Rep. Brian McCall, the author of HB 1185, had no comment.
<b>NOTES:</b>	HB 1185 passed the House on the Consent Calendar and was not analyzed in the <i>Daily Floor Report</i> .